



REPORT TO

## CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

### INITIATION OF PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEWS (WARDS 7,8,9)

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.  
Proverbs 16:3 / NIV /*

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<b>RECOMMENDATION REPORT</b>		

#### Vision:

*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.*

#### Mission:

*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*



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## A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that the following school groupings be approved for school accommodation review, in accordance with Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09).

**Groups 1 – 3** are proposed pursuant with recommendations approved by the Board on January 22, 2015 regarding priority review rankings.

1. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Sacred Heart, St. Bede, and St. Gabriel Lalemant
2. Prince of Peace, St. Rene Goupil, and The Divine Infant
3. Holy Redeemer, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Matthias, and St. Timothy

**Group 4**, St. Paul and St. Michael, is a priority school accommodation review that was brought forward by school communities, which was supported by staff.

## B. PURPOSE

1. This report seeks approval for the initiation of school accommodation reviews for the following school groupings in accordance with Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09):

1. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Sacred Heart, St. Bede, and St. Gabriel Lalemant
2. Prince of Peace, St. Rene Goupil, and The Divine Infant
3. Holy Redeemer, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Matthias, and St. Timothy.

As noted above, staff also support a priority school accommodation review involving the following two schools.

4. St. Paul and St. Michael.
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2. At its meeting of January 21, 2016, the Board approved the report: *Elementary Boundary Review Ranking All Wards* which identified St. Paul and St. Michael as part of a future boundary review. However, since staff are recommending a priority school accommodation review involving these same two schools in this cycle, which will also consider boundary changes as part of the solution, there is no need for a separate boundary review.

## C. BACKGROUND

3. At its meeting held on January 22, 2015, the Board considered the report: *School Accommodation Review Priority Ranking*, and adopted, in part, the following motion:

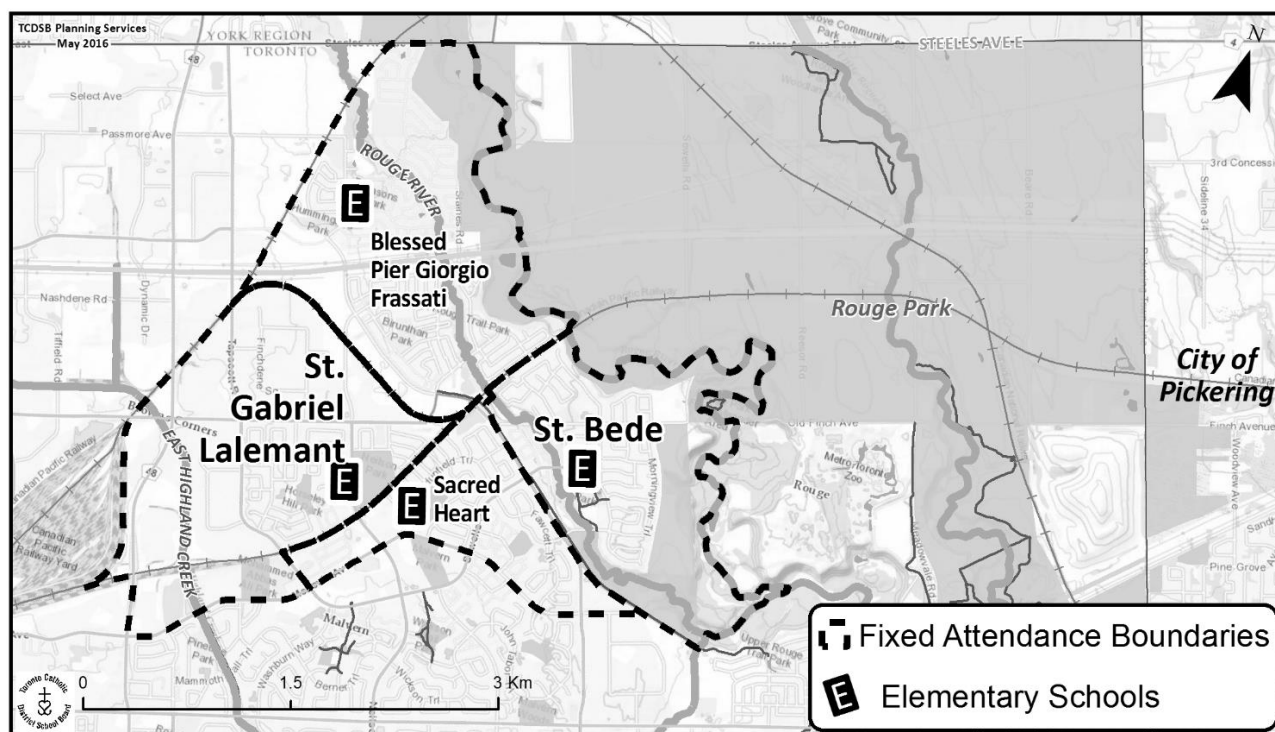
*“That a future report be considered regarding the initiation of further School Accommodation Reviews at the following schools:*

- *Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Sacred Heart, St. Bede, St. Gabriel Lalemant*
  - *Prince of Peace, St. Rene Goupil, The Divine Infant*
  - *Holy Redeemer, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Matthias, St. Timothy”.*
4. A priority school accommodation review has been suggested by the St. Paul and St. Michael school communities, in consultation with the Trustee.

## D. ACTION PLAN

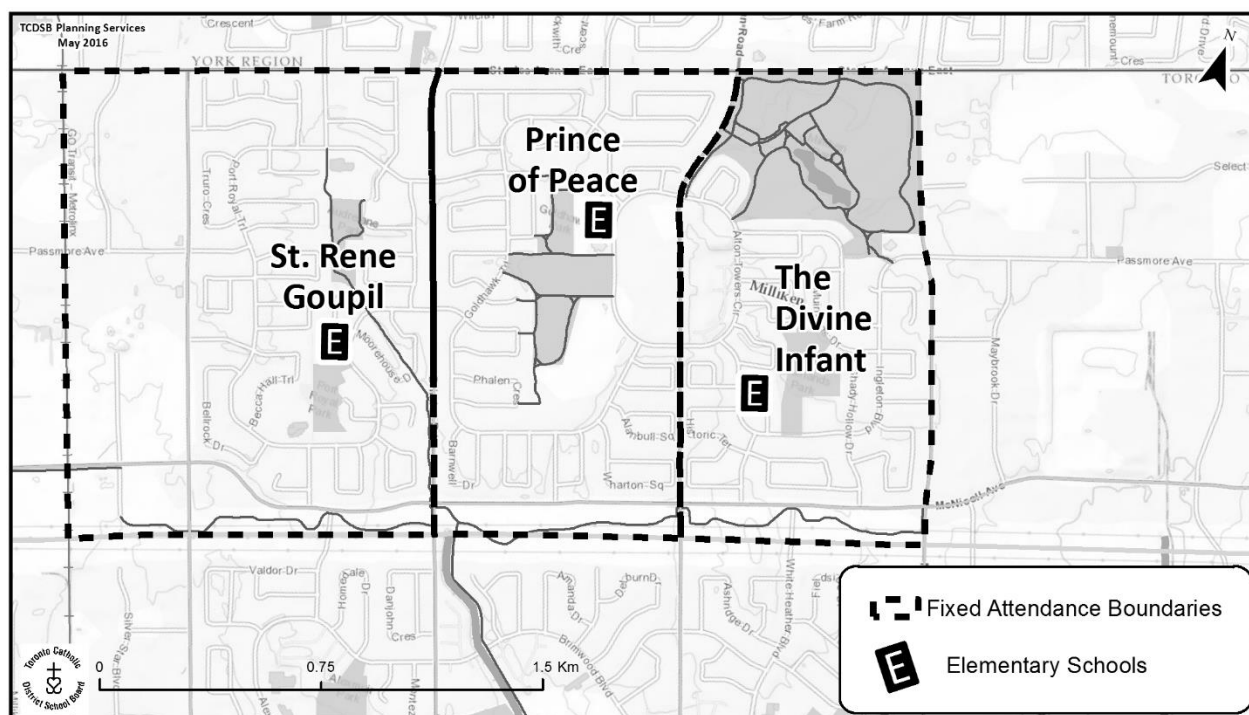
5. Staff are required as per Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09) to provide, at a minimum, one recommendation to address the challenges associated with each of the school groupings noted above. Please note that recommendations stemming from school accommodation review committees may not be consistent with initial staff recommendations, as detailed below.
6. **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Sacred Heart, St. Bede, and St. Gabriel Lalemant**

The current staff recommendation is to close the smallest of the three school facilities that reside south of the Morningside Heights community where Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Catholic School is located. In this case, St. Gabriel Lalment is recommended to close as it has a capacity of only 219 pupil places. Furthermore, staff recommend that students from St. Gabriel Lalemant be consolidated at nearby Sacred Heart. In addition to this, staff recommend a boundary change involving St. Bede and Sacred Heart in an effort to better balance enrolment between the two schools. This will have a positive net impact on utilization at both St. Bede and Sacred Heart. More details are provided in the school information profiles (*Appendix ‘A’*).



## 7. Prince of Peace, St. Rene Goupil, The Divine Infant

The current staff recommendation is to close both St. Rene Goupil and The Divine Infant schools. St. Rene Goupil and the Devine Infant have the lowest enrolments of the three schools at only 87 students and 130 students respectively. This represents a utilization rate of only 35% and 42% respectively. Furthermore, this undersubscription problem will worsen for both schools into the future. As a result, staff recommend the consolidation of St. Rene Goupil and The Divine Infant students at nearby Prince of Peace. This would bolster enrolment at Prince of Peace to approximately 535 students. The short-term use of portables may be required to support such a consolidation, however longer-range projections indicate a decline of approximately 100 students between the three school communities. Therefore, any future capital solution would need to be based on a longer-term sustainable enrolment of approximately 430 to 450 students, subject to further assessment by Facilities and Planning staff. More details are provided in the school information profiles (*Appendix 'B'*).

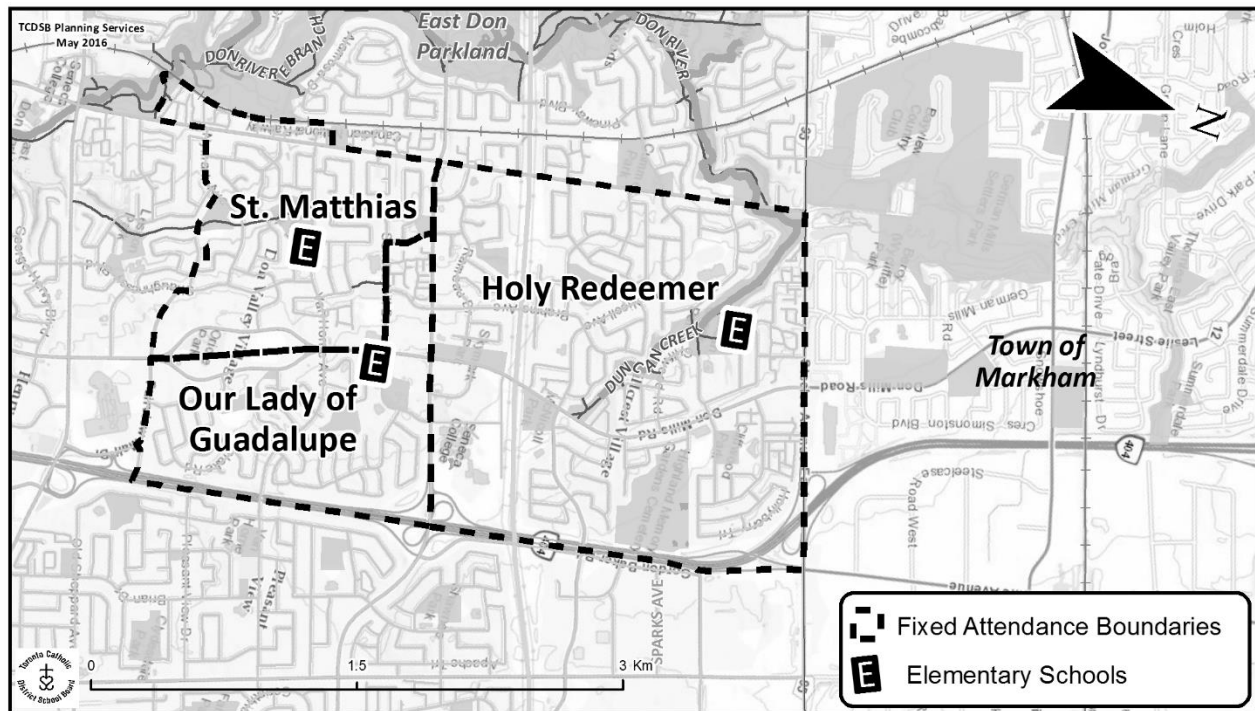


## 8. Holy Redeemer, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Matthias, St. Timothy

The current staff recommendation is to close the facility with the lowest enrolment and largest surplus capacity, and consolidate those students at nearby schools with available space. In turn, this would allow for a total enrolment in a more ideal range, as supported by the Board's upcoming draft Long Term Accommodation and Program plan. Staff therefore recommend the closure of Holy Redeemer. Holy Redeemer has a current enrolment of 68 students and a utilization rate of only 32%. This gross under-subscription problem is forecasted to continue into the foreseeable future. Staff further recommend the consolidation of Holy Redeemer students at St. Matthias. St. Matthias has a current enrolment of 194 students. With the proposed addition of students from a closed Holy Redeemer, St. Matthias would increase in enrolment to approximately 262 students. This would represent a utilization rate of 120%. The facility can accommodate this enrolment with the use of 1 or 2 portables on site. A future capital solution could also provide additional space, and would be subject to further assessment by Facilities and Planning staff. More details are provided in the school information profiles (*Appendix 'C'*).



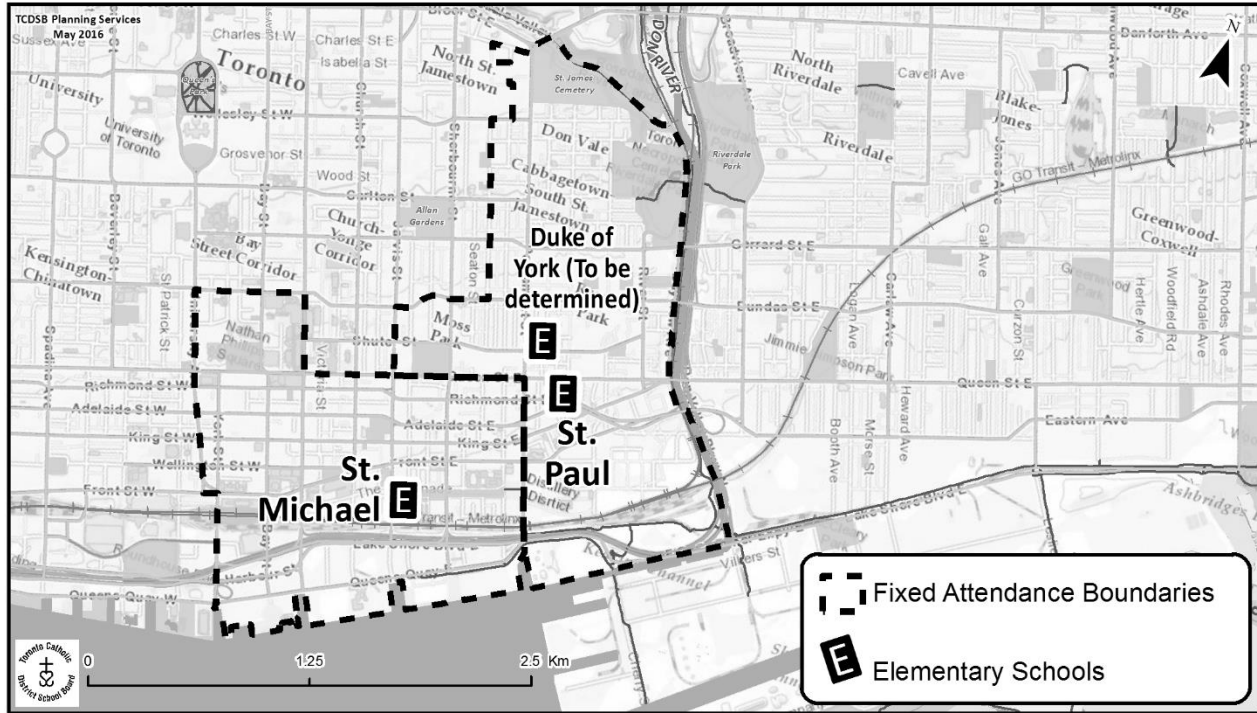
Please note: It has been determined by the Board's consultant that it would be strategically more appropriate to include St. Timothy in a future accommodation review and have it removed from the Holy Redeemer, St. Matthias and Our Lady of Guadalupe group of schools. The Board's next Long Term Accommodation Plan will advise on the composition of a future school accommodation review involving St. Timothy.



#### 9. **St. Paul and St. Michael (Additional Recommended Priority Review)**

The current staff recommendation is to close both St. Paul and St. Michael and consolidate the student populations at a new facility built on the recently acquired Duke of York site, a former TDSB school site. This decision would require Ministry of Education approval and Capital funding availability. St. Paul is significantly undersubscribed with an enrolment of 175 students and a utilization rate of only 39%. St. Paul is projected to remain at this rate of utilization well into the foreseeable future. Conversely, St. Michael is significantly oversubscribed with an enrolment of 174 students and a utilization rate of 193%. St. Michael's enrolment is projected to steadily increase into the future as a result of residential intensification in the area. A portion of the St. Michael student population is accommodated in substandard leased space at an adjacent community centre in rooms originally designed as squash courts. Furthermore, both schools reside on small sites at 1.8 and 1.4 acres respectively. St. Paul has additional site complications as it

resides on an historical graveyard and significant retrofits of the facility are not possible. Lastly, both schools have significant deferred maintenance backlogs at \$6.8M and \$2M respectively. More details are provided in the school information profiles (*Appendix 'D'*).



10. There are currently 12,067 pupil places of excess elementary capacity. The Ministry of Education has advised staff that school accommodation reviews must take place in the future, and be fully considered as part of the Board's next Long Term Accommodation Plan.

## E. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the following school accommodation reviews be initiated in accordance with Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09):
  - Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Sacred Heart, St. Bede, and St. Gabriel Lalemant
  - Prince of Peace, St. Rene Goupil, and The Divine Infant
  - Holy Redeemer, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Matthias
  - St. Paul and St. Michael
2. That St. Paul and St. Michael Boundary Review be considered as part of the School Accommodation Review Process.

3. That St. Timothy be removed from the Holy Redeemer, St. Matthias and Our Lady of Guadalupe group of schools and considered in a future school accommodation review which will be addressed in the next Long Term Accommodation Plan.